Neil Lennon keen to retain on-loan strikers MacLaren and Kamberi



Hibs' Head Coach Neil Lennon is hoping to retain the services of front pair Florian Kamberi and Jamie MacLaren although he revealed that the move will depend on where the club finishes this season.

Supporters were stunned in January when Lennon released Scottish Cup legend Anthony Stokes for disciplinary reasons and also sent top scorer Simon Murray out on loan to Dundee.

The form of Kamberi who scored Hibs' first league hat-trick for eight years last month and MacLaren who has now scored against both Rangers and Celtic has been outstanding.

After Saturday's superb victory over Celtic, Lennon explained the current situation regarding the duo. He said: "We have an option on (Florian) Kamberi and the more he plays, the more we want to do it.

I would imagine there will be a lot of interest in him but we have the option and at the minute we are in control of the situation.

It's something we would like to look at but we have got four games to go and that will depend on how the season finishes as well that will dictate how much money we can and can't spend.

"(Jamie) MacLaren could be a difficult one because he is contracted to Darmstadt. We're very pleased with what he has brought. the two of them have been excellent as have the stalwarts.

"(Lewis) Stevenson and (Paul) Hanlon were excellent as was (Efe) Ambrose who seems to play his best football against Celtic. I could not fault any of them and that's what you need."